



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 72**

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Senate Bill No. 464

*Senate, March 17, 2011*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT BEER TRAIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 13a-123 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (e) The following types of signs, displays and devices may, with the  
5 approval of and subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner,  
6 be permitted within the six-hundred-sixty-foot area of interstate,  
7 primary and other limited access state highways, except as prohibited  
8 by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation: (1) Directional  
9 and other official signs or notices, which signs and notices shall  
10 include, but not be limited to, signs and notices pertaining to natural  
11 wonders and scenic and historical attractions which are required or  
12 authorized by law; (2) signs, displays and devices advertising the sale  
13 or lease of the property upon which they are located; (3) signs, displays  
14 and devices advertising activities conducted on the property on which  
15 they are located; [and] (4) directional and other official signs or notices

16 pertaining to facilities in this state where Connecticut-made beer is  
 17 manufactured or sold; and (5) signs, displays or advertising devices  
 18 which are in place for sixty days or less. Subject to regulations adopted  
 19 by the commissioner and except as prohibited by state statute, local  
 20 ordinance or zoning regulation signs, displays and devices may be  
 21 erected and maintained within six hundred sixty feet of primary and  
 22 other limited access state highways in areas which are zoned for  
 23 industrial or commercial use under authority of law or located in  
 24 unzoned commercial or industrial areas which areas shall be  
 25 determined from actual land uses and defined by regulations of the  
 26 commissioner. The regulations of the commissioner in regard to size,  
 27 spacing and lighting shall apply to any segments of the interstate  
 28 system which traverse commercial or industrial zones wherein the use  
 29 of real property adjacent to the interstate system is subject to municipal  
 30 regulation or control, or which traverse other areas where the land use,  
 31 as of September 21, 1959, was clearly established under state law as  
 32 industrial or commercial.

33       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The design and production of  
 34 directional and other official signs or notices pertaining to facilities in  
 35 this state where Connecticut-made beer is manufactured or sold,  
 36 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 13a-123 of the general statutes, as  
 37 amended by this act, may be paid for by private persons or entities  
 38 affiliated with Connecticut-made beer manufacturers or sellers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	13a-123(e)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GL**           *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation to permit the installation of Connecticut Beer Trail signs on limited access highways. The cost of signage, installation, insurance and any associated permit application fee would be borne by parties affiliated with the Connecticut made beer manufacturers or sellers association.

The cost per sign and installation by a private contractor ranges from \$1,200 to \$1,500. This cost does not include insurance replacement coverage for repair or replacement of the signage should it become damaged and/or displaced. The owner of the sign is responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

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***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

*Sources: Department of Agriculture; Department of Transportation; CT Vineyard and Winery Association*

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 464*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT BEER TRAIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Transportation to permit directional and other official signs or notices about facilities where Connecticut beer is made or sold.

Under the bill, private persons or entities affiliated with Connecticut-made beer manufacturers or sellers may pay for the design and production of these signs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/03/2011)